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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FRENCH ON MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE
ON DISARMAMENT

REF: STATE 193995

1. IN AUGUST 7 MEETING WITH PM/DCA DIRECTOR PALMER, FRENCH
EMBASSY COUNSELOR LAUREAU DELIVERED GOF NEGATIVE REACTION
TO IDEA OF FURTHER INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS AMONG NUCLEAR
WEAPONS STATES ON QUESTIONS (REFTEL) OF NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL
SEATS. GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION
TO COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD).

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2. AS EXPECTED, LAUREAU SAID FRENCH DO NOT THINK IT IS
NECESSARY AT THIS STAGE TO CONDUCT BILATERAL TALKS ON
COMPOSITION OF CD AMONG PERMANENT MEMBERS OF UN SECURITY
COUNCIL.

2. LAUREAU SAID THAT ACCORDING TO FRENCH INTERPRETATION

OF SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT, UNGA PRESIDENT MOJSOV IS CHARGED WITH FINDING ARRANGEMENT ON NUMBER OF SEATS AND CANDIDATES FOR CD. LAUREAU SAID MOJSOV COULD CONSULT PRESIDENTS OF GEOGRAPHICAL GROUPS ON SELECTION OF CANDIDATES. FRENCH DO NOT THINK MOJSOV MISSION WILL END IN SEPTEMBER (DATE OF EXPIRATION OF HIS MANDATE). THEY THINK HE HAS A PERSONAL CHARGE TO DO THE WORK, AND HE SHOULD STAY ON UNTIL SOLUTION IS REACHED.

4. FRENCH PREFER SOLUTION THAT ALLOWS MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY ON NUMBER OF SEATS IN CD. THEY WANT MORE THAN 5 SEATS (SOVIET PROPOSAL), PERHAPS 8, 10, OR MORE, TO ALLOW MORE EUROPEANS TO JOIN. NEWSOM

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